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TAGS: MASS, AFIN, US, AR

SUBJ: FY 72 TEN PERCENT DEPOSIT PAYMENT FOR ARGENTINA

REF: A STATE 119559, 19 JUN 73

B. ARG AIR FORCE LETTER 306666, 11 JUN 73

C. EMBASSY DIP NOT NO 144, 21 MAY 73

D. BUENOS AIRES 4284 15 JUN 73

1. REFERENCE (A) INDICATES THAT DOD WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO ISSUE NO FURTHER MAP ORDERS FOR GRANT AID TRAINING IF THE ARGENTINE ARMED FORCES DO NOT PAY THEIR TEN PERCENT DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT BY 30 JUNE 73.

2. IN THE CASE OF ARGENTINA REQUEST THAT A 60 DAY EXTENSION BE GIVEN BEFORE MAP ORDERS ARE CUT OFF FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. WE DID NOT PRESENT A BILL UNTIL 21 MAY 1973 VIA REF (C)

B. THE BILL HAS BEEN REBUTTED IN PART BY REF (B) WHICH INDICATES THAT THE ORIGINAL BILL WAS INCORRECT BY INCLUSION OF TRAINING ITEMS NOT YET DELIVERED. REF (D) TRANSMITTED THE CORRECTED BILLING FIGURES FOR YOUR VERIFICATION, TO WHICH A REPLY HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED.

C. WE PRESENTED THE BILL ON THE EVE OF A RADICAL CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT WHICH CAUSED THE REPLACEMENT OF ALL KEY MILITARY AND
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CIVIL OFFICIALS IN ARGENTINA.

D. THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN IN A STATE OF CHANGE SINCE 25 MAY AND THE 10 PERCENT BILL IS LOW ON THEIR PRIORITY OF THINGS TO DO, NOT BECAUSE THEY DO NOT WANT TO PAY BUT BECAUSE THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF STUDYING IN DEPTH ALL THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE PREVIOUS MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

E. REF (A) ARRIVED DURING A PERIOD IN WHICH IT HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTACT ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES AS IT WAS A 2 DAY HOLIDAY ADDED TO THE RETURN FROM EXILE OF EX- PRESIDENT JUAN D. PERON WHICH HAS CAUSED 2 WEEKS OF PRIORITY WORK BY ALL ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE 60 DAY EXTENSION BE GRANTED. THE ARGENTINES ARE WILLING TO PAY. PART OF THE BLAME FOR THEIR NOT PAYING BEFORE RESTS SQUARELY ON THE SHOULDERS OF OUR SYSTEM' S INABILITY TO PRESENT A PROPER BILL. IT WOULD GAIN US NOTHING IN OUR BILATERAL RELATION TO CUT OFF GRANT AID IN A PERIOD OF CHANGE WHEN WE WISH TO CONTINUE CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH A NEW GOVERNMENT.
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